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In re application of: WATSON et al.

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Title: SAMPLE DISTRIBUTION APPARATUS/SYSTEM

AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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May 5, 2003

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability of February 6, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 27, bridging pages 15 and 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

✓ The secondary sample tubes 15 (see Figure 6) which are loaded from secondary sample tube hoppers 40 pass through a tube labelling arrangement having an automatic label printer and labeller 42. The labeller 42 applies labels to the secondary sample tubes 15 (see Figure 6) with information corresponding to

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